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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	:	Gareth Geoffrey Hougham
Serial Number	:	09/834,848
Filing Date	:	April 13, 2001
Examiner	:	John J. Zimmerman
Group Art Unit	:	1775
For	:	DEFORMABLE COATED WICK LIQUID SPILLED MATERIAL TRANSFER

To: The Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Post Office Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Official Action (Non Compliant Amendment) dated July 15, 2004
please enter the properly amended claims in this application as follows:

CLAIMS

- 1 1. (Canceled) A transfer tool for the collection and transporting of a spilled material from
- 2 a spillage area comprising:
- 3 a deformable substrate member having deposited on the surface thereof a coating of a
- 4 material having a high affinity for said spilled material.